

House Resolution 1608

By: Representative Sims of the 169th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commemorating the achievements and sacrifice made by Lieutenant Rudolph McKinnon and
2 renaming the Satilla River Bridge on Highway 135 West in Douglas, Georgia, the Lieutenant
3 Rudolph McKinnon, USN, Memorial Bridge; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, Lieutenant McKinnon was born on January 20, 1923, to William Bryan
5 McKinnon and Laura Estelle McKinnon; and

6 WHEREAS, Lieutenant McKinnon served honorably in the United States Navy from 1955
7 to 1960 as a naval aviator with Fighter Squadron 174; on January 12, 1960, Lieutenant
8 McKinnon and another aviator were on a flight training mission when a mistake caused the
9 two fine, young pilots to collide killing Lt. McKinnon instantly; and

10 WHEREAS, Lt. McKinnon was born and raised within a half-mile of the Satilla River Bridge
11 where as a child he dove off, swam around, and fished off the bridge; and

12 WHEREAS, he was a faithful member of Mora Baptist Church and a young student attending
13 the local schools and later graduating from South Georgia College before entering the Naval
14 Cadet program; and

15 WHEREAS, Lt. McKinnon was a young man who despite growing up during the Depression
16 availed himself of the opportunities of the United States to achieve success before his life
17 was tragically cut short; and

18 WHEREAS, Lt. McKinnon was a loving husband to Nancy Faye McKinnon and loyal
19 brother to younger brother Clark McKinnon and sisters Paulette Wilson and Carol A.
20 Morrison as well as being a young man who was generally loved and respected in the
21 surrounding community.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
2 GEORGIA that the members of this body commemorate the sacrifice made by Lieutenant
3 Rudolph McKinnon, USN, and honor him by renaming the Satilla River Bridge on Highway
4 135 in Douglas, Georgia, the Lieutenant Rudolph McKinnon, USN, Memorial Bridge.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
6 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Lieutenant Rudolph, USN,
7 McKinnon Memorial Bridge.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
9 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the family of Lieutenant
10 Rudolph McKinnon and to the Department of Transportation.